



Ochre Park School

Sept. 2021

Principal Message

Dear Ochre Park Families,

We are so happy to be back and are eager to welcome all of our returning families and our new families to Ochre Park School. We are remaining hopeful that we will see a return to field trips, cross graded activities and school wide events and assemblies. We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable year of learning together. A Sturgeon Public School and Ochre Park 2021-2022 return to school plan was sent out last week. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with these documents regarding protocols and measures we are taking to ensure your child is safe at school. These documents will be updated based on orders from the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Education.

All students in grades 1-4 receive a school agenda. Please take some time to look at the front matter of your child's agenda for important school information. Also, please work with your child to develop a regular habit of reading the agenda every day and returning it to school. This demonstrates your commitment to staying involved and promotes habits that prepare students for the world of work. I encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher through the student agenda, phone or email. Also please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.
Roxanne Filipchuk, Principal



Meet the Staff and Community Night -

Thursday, September 9

The Town of Redwater is planning their Meet the Community Night on Thursday, September 9 in the Ochre Park School gym. This event runs from 5:30 - 7:00 and includes a free meal of Beef on a Bun and ice cream treats. This will be a great opportunity for you to come out and register for various programs and learn about some of the community agencies in Redwater. This will also be an opportunity to meet all of the Ochre Park Staff. Weather permitting, the food will be served outdoors and the Ochre park staff will be in the parking lot from 6:00 - 6:30. In case of inclement weather, our staff will be in the Learning Common from 6:00 to 6:30 to meet you starting with introductions at 6:00. We are looking forward to meeting all of our families.



Daily Screening - please go over the self screening tool [Screening Questionnaire](#) each day with your children before sending them to school. You will need to keep your child at home if they have any symptoms.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 1:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per CMOH Order 39-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activitiesUse the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.			
If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 1, proceed to question 2.			

Student Pick Up - for the safety of your children we will only release them to parents/guardians and emergency contacts listed on the registration form. If someone else will be picking up your child, please let the office know.

Visiting the School - School doors are locked during the day to restrict access to essential workers and visitors that have been approved by the principal. If you have an appointment to come into the school, you must use the QR code posted on the door and follow the check in process which includes the screening questionnaire. Then you will phone the office to gain access to the school. Masks are recommended.



•Parent Council - School Council meets at 6:30 on the fourth Monday of every month. There are opportunities to be on the executive, hot lunch committee, fundraising society or as a room rep. Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday, September 27 at 6:30. All parents are welcome to attend School Council meetings. At this time we are planning to have the meeting in person, but are prepared to switch to virtual if needed.



Stay tuned for more information about Terry Fox run and Orange Shirt Day



Volunteers

We are looking forward to welcoming Volunteers into our school again on a case by case basis. All visitors and volunteers have to be approved by the principal. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the principal if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers must review the Alberta Health Daily checklist and are encouraged to wear masks when working with students in the school. All volunteers need to have a Criminal Record Check. Please see the office to request the letter.



Introducing our Ochre Park Staff

Principal - Roxanne Filipchuk

Admin Assistant - Linda Hewitt

Business Manager – Phoebe Jagielski - Wednesday only

Kyla Graham - Library/Media Tech - Tuesday and Wednesday only

Pre K a.m. and p.m.- Shannon Stadnyk

- Stacey Vaughn
- Sarah Meaney
- Carrie Rosser

K1 and K2 - Geneva Fossen

1G - Cindy Goertzen

1/2T - Jolene Tchir

2B - Marlo Berezan

3W - Kjersti Wytrykush

3/4G - Heather Gillison

4HG - Amber Hoetmer and Jennifer Geleta

Counsellor - Jennifer Geleta

Mental Health and Wellness Coach - Natassja By

Learning Coach - Jenaia Gingras

Grade School Educational Assistants:

- Tricia Hurst
- Angela Coburn
- Michelle McGrath
- Patty Moskal
- Deb Vanstone

Custodian - Margaret Keast

Nutrition Coordinator - Wanda Radcliffe

Caretakers - Jocelyn and Myra

New Website

Over the summer months, SPSP and all of the schools in the division upgraded to a new website. Please check there frequently for monthly newsletters, calendars, upcoming events, school policies etc.. You can also find many quick links that will help you find all the information you need.



Outdoor Classroom

Our flowers and garden did so well over the summer. We are very grateful to the Redwater Hype staff and the children who participated in their summer programs for keeping our flowers and vegetable gardens watered over the summer. A very special thank you to Mrs. Geleta who watered all of our new trees on a regular basis throughout the summer. We will be starting a garden club at the school this fall and we are looking forward to our first vegetable harvest.

Jenaia Gingras has joined the staff as the K-4 Learning Coach this year. She has been with SPSP since 2006 and is excited to join the amazing team of staff and students at Ochre Park. Mrs. Gingras' role will have her working with staff on a variety of professional development topics with the overall goal to improve student achievement. She will be working and helping in your child's classroom throughout the year. Mrs. Gingras is looking forward to this year and is happy to be part of the Ochre Park family.

Natassja By is joining our teaching team this year, splitting her time between Ochre Park and Redwater School, as the Mental Health and Wellness Coach. Ms. By will be spending her days in classrooms, alongside teachers and students to infuse social-emotional learning into all parts of the school day. New to the division, she joins us after spending the last ten years teaching at Mulgrave, the International School of Vancouver where she was the Director of Performing Arts, and taught Choir, Music, and Life Skills.

Meet the Community & Registration Night

Thursday, September 9, 2021

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Ochre Park School

- Meet the teachers and staff
- Register for community programs
- Connect with volunteer opportunities
- Visit with your neighbors
- Enjoy free beef on a bun, juice and tasty treats (while supplies last)

To reserve a table for your community organization or for more information, please contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101 or email csassistant@redwater.ca.

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Drop off and pick up. If you drop your child off in the morning, please arrive close to 8:40 and send your child directly to their designated door. At the end of the day please use the parking lot or park on the street. If your child is unable to meet you at your car, please wait in your vehicle until you see your child and then you can pick them up from the designated supervised area on the sidewalk along the parking lot. This area will be supervised by a staff member every morning and afternoon. Dismissal is at 3:05.

Our parking lot has been resurfaced and new lines have been painted to allow angle parking. This will facilitate one way traffic making the parking lot safer at drop off and pick up time. Please respect the two handicapped parking stalls which are reserved for vehicles that display a disabled placard.

Bus Lane - there is no parking in the bus lane from 8:30 - 3:30 every day.
Please park in the parking lot or on the street.



Breakfast Program - Nutrition Program

We are very fortunate to have funding from Alberta Education to continue our school nutrition program. Starting Tuesday, September 7, students will be served a nutritious breakfast at morning snack time. Breakfast will be served by designated staff practicing meticulous hand hygiene. A menu will be included in the monthly school newsletter.

Label Everything

Your child's one-of-a-kind lunch kit, back-pack or running shoes may not be so unique after all. To avoid confusion, please ensure all personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Fountains- Students are allowed to use the water fountains as water fill stations only. Please ensure your child has a water bottle for school each day. It will be sent home every day to be washed.

Nut Allergies Please be aware that Ochre Park School has students with severe NUT ALLERGIES. We ask everyone's cooperation to minimize the risks that these children face on a daily basis. Please TRY NOT to include any items containing nuts or nut by- products in snacks or lunches sent to school. Thank You for your attention to this very important matter!




House Leagues - we continue to run our house leagues as a way to promote a sense of belonging and school spirit. All students will remain on the same teams they were on last year. All new students to the school will be added to teams. Your child should be able to tell you their team color. We will have color day every Friday. Students can earn points for their team by wearing their team color, earning caught being good ribbons, or participating in intramurals.





Sept 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3 K1	4	5
		First Day of School				
6	7	8	9	10 K1	11	12
Labour Day No Classes	Rice Krispies , hard boiled egg, and fruit	Muffins and melon PreK-4 Photo Day 	Yogurt, granola and berries Photo Day-K2	Veggies, hummus and crackers		
13	14	15	16	17 K2	18	19
Cheerios, hard boiled egg, fruit	Smoothies, and cereal bar Safety on Board – Kinder and PreK	Turkey Pepperoni, cheese and crackers Safety on Board – Kinder and PreK	Fruit medley and cottage cheese	Whole wheat toast, egg slices and fruit		
20	21	22	23	24 K1	25	26
PD Day No Classes	Rice Krispies , hard boiled egg, and fruit	Yogurt, granola and berries	Turkey Pepperoni, cheese and crackers	Bagels, creamcheese and fruit.		
27	28	29	30			
Cheerios, hard boiled egg, and fruit Parent Council at 6:30 pm	Muffins and melon	Smoothies and cereal bar	Bannock & berries Orange Shirt Day	2% milk available each day.		